

## LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required to Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name ☒ Organization/Lobbying Firm ☐ Self Employed Individual

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE**

2. Address ☐ Check if different than previously reported

Address1 **1050 31ST STREET, NW** Address2 \_\_\_\_\_  
City **WASHINGTON** State **DC** Zip Code **20007** - Country **USA**

3. Principal place of business (if different than line 2)

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ - Country \_\_\_\_\_

4a. Contact Name

b. Telephone Number c. E-mail

**DANIEL COHEN**

☐ International Number

**(202) 965-3500 dan.cohen@justice.org**

5. Senate ID#

**4733-12**

7. Client Name ☒ Self ☐ Check if client is a state or local government or instrumentality

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE**

6. House ID#

**312410000**

**TYPE OF REPORT** 8. Year **2008** Q1 (1/1 - 3/31) ☒ Q2 (4/1 - 6/30) ☐ Q3 (7/1-9/30) ☐ Q4 (10/1 - 12/31) ☐

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report ☐

10. Check if this is a Termination Report ☐ Termination Date \_\_\_\_\_ 11. No Lobbying Issue Activity ☐

### INCOME OR EXPENSES - YOU MUST complete either Line 12 or Line 13

#### 12. Lobbying

**INCOME** relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than \$5,000 ☐

\$5,000 or more ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$10,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

#### 13. Organizations

**EXPENSE** relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:

Less than \$5,000 ☐

\$5,000 or more ☒ \$ **1,130,000.00**

**14. REPORTING** Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

☒ **Method A.** Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only

☐ **Method B.** Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code

☐ **Method C.** Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

Signature Filed Electronically Date 04/15/2008

Printed Name and Title Daniel Cohen, Director of National Affairs

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15. General issue area code

BUD

BUDGET/APPROPRIATIONS

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

S. CON. RES. 70 (Budget Resolution); specific interest in S. AMDT. 4303 and S. AMDT. 4304 (both circulated but not considered by the Senate) to authorize the Chair of the Budget Committee to revise budget allocations, aggregates and other levels in connection with legislation, if considered in the future, relating to medical malpractice liability.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

☐ Check if None

U.S. SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

First Name	Last Name	Suffix	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Linda	Lipsen	Ms.		<input type="checkbox"/>
Julia	Duncan	Ms.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Elizabeth	Humphrey	Ms.		<input type="checkbox"/>
Maren	McBride	Ms.		<input type="checkbox"/>
Susan	Steinman	Ms		<input type="checkbox"/>
Gerie	Voss	Ms.		<input type="checkbox"/>
Thomas R.	White	Mr.		<input type="checkbox"/>
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above

☒ Check if None

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15. General issue area code

CSP

CONSUMER ISSUES/SAFETY/PRODUCTS

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 3010/S. 1782 (Arbitration Fairness Act; to prohibit mandatory binding arbitration agreements in consumer contracts.)

H.R. 1519 (American Homebuyers Protection Act; relating to the inclusion of mandatory binding arbitration in homebuilding contracts.)

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

☐ Check if None

Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE

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Linda	Lipsen	Ms.		<input type="checkbox"/>
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Gerie	Voss	Ms.		<input type="checkbox"/>
Noushin	Jahanian	Ms.	Legislative Director; Senator Debbie Stabenow	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christine	Zinner	Ms.		<input type="checkbox"/>
Maren	McBride	Ms.		<input type="checkbox"/>

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H.R. 5312 (Automobile Arbitration Fairness Act); relating to the use of arbitration agreements to resolve disputes arising under motor vehicle consumer sales or lease contracts.

Nursing Home Arbitration Act; draft legislation not introduced as of 3-31-08, relating to the use of arbitration agreements to resolve disputes involving nursing home care and nursing home contracts.

S.221 (Fair Contract for Growers Act; to provide greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to poultry and livestock contracts.)

S. 742/ H.R. 3285 (Ban Asbestos in America Act); also H.R. 3339 (Bruce Vento Ban Asbestos and Prevent Mesothelioma Act.)

H.R. 4040 (Consumer Product Safety Modernization Act); also S.2045 and S. 2663 (CPSC Reform Act); all three relating to the reauthorization and operation of the Consumer Product Safety Commission; specific interest in sections of each bill relating to preemption; i.e. the effect of CPSC regulation on state law.) Also specific interest in S.AMDT 4094 offered to S.2663, but not agreed to, to prohibit state attorneys general from entering into contingency fee agreements in certain civil cases; and S.AMDT 4097, also not agreed to, to allow the prevailing party to recover attorney fees in certain civil actions.

Draft legislation (not introduced as of 3-31-08) concerning defective products produced by foreign nationals.

Federal Agency Contact: Advocacy pertaining to the effect of regulation by the Consumer Product Safety Commission in state product liability law in connection with the Commission's proposed rule on the flammability of upholstered furniture.

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ADDENDUM for General Lobbying Issue

CSP - CONSUMER ISSUES/SAFETY/PRODUCTS

Name			Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
First	Last	Suffix		
Charles	Benton	Mr .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dan	Cohen	Mr .		<input type="checkbox"/>
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15. General issue area code

CPT

COPYRIGHT/PATENT/TRADEMARK

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 1908/S. 1145 (Patent Reform Act; specific interest in provisions relating to venue for patent cases, and damages.)

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

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Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE

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FIN

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS/INVESTMENTS/SECURITIES

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 4008 (Credit and Debit Card Receipt Clarification Act: to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to make technical corrections to the definition of willful noncompliance with respect to violations involving the print of an expiration date on credit and debit card receipts.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

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Congressional lobbying on behalf of the legal rights of shareholders in connection with policy issues raised by the Supreme Court's decision in the "Stoneridge" case; and Securities and Exchange Commission oversight.

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GOV

GOVERNMENT ISSUES

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16. Specific lobbying issues

Bills relating to the operation of federal and/or state courts:

H.R. 1079/S. 2083 (Interstate Recognition of Notarizations Act; to require any federal or state court to recognize any notarization made by a notary public licensed by a state other than where the court is located.)

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S. 197/H.R.3753/S. 1638 (to increase the pay of federal judges.)

S. 2449 (Sunshine in Litigation Act; to amend Title 28, U.S.C., relating to protective orders, sealing of cases, and disclosure of discovery information in civil actions.)

H.R. 3995 (Placing certain limits on the ability of entities that receive federal funds to file a class action lawsuit against an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded.)

S. 2041 (False Claims Act Correction Act; to make any person who knowingly presents for payment or approval a false or fraudulent claim for government money or property liable for a civil penalty.)

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HCR

HEALTH ISSUES

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 1328/S. 1200 (Indian Health Care Improvement Act; specific interest in authority of the Secretary of HHS under section 213 to promulgate standards for service under the bill.)

Medical Device Safety Act; draft legislation (not introduced as of 03-31-08) to amend the Food Drug and Cosmetic Act to clarify

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the scope of federal preemption of state law with regard to medical devices.

Congressional lobbying in response to proposed FDA rule regarding supplemental application to update warning labels on prescription drugs, medical devices and biologics.

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LBR

LABOR ISSUES/ANTITRUST/WORKPLACE

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 1195/S. 1611 (to make technical corrections to the SAFETEA-LU Act; specific interest in proposals, as of 3-31-08 not included in either bill, to deny or modify the right to overtime pay for drivers of trucks weighing less that 10,000 pounds.)

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

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MAR

MARINE/MARITIME/BOATING/FISHERIES

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

S. 846 (Longshore and Harbor Workers Compensation Act Amendments)

H.R. 2830/S. 1892 (Coast Guard Authorization Act; Specific interest in provisions in each bill relating to claims by seamen for unpaid wages.)

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RRR

RAILROADS

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Congressional lobbying regarding proposed Federal Railroad Administration rule regarding passenger equipment safety standards.

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TAX

TAXATION/INTERNAL REVENUE CODE

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

S. 813 (To amend the Tax Code to allow an above-the-line deduction for attorney fees and costs in connection with civil claim awards.)  
S.814/H.R. 3314 (To amend the Tax Code to allow the deduction of attorney-advanced expenses and court costs in contingency fee cases.)

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

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TORT

TORTS

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 989 (Innocent Sellers Fairness Act; to limit civil actions against product sellers.)  
H.R. 2183/S. 1323 (Commonsense Consumption Act; to limit civil actions against food marketers, manufacturers, distributors and advertisers.)

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Bills Relating to Liability for Medical Malpractice:

H.R. 5480/S.2662 (Medicare Funding Warning Response Act); specific interest in Title II, relating to health care liability.

S.1481/H.R. 2497 (Fair and Reliable Medical Justice Act)

S.243 (Medical Care Access Protection Act)

S. 244 (Healthy Mothers and Healthy Babies Access to Care Act)

H.R. 1626 (Family Health Care Accessibility Act)

H.R. 2191 (Volunteer Pilot Organization Act; to provide liability protection to nonprofit volunteer pilot organizations.)

H.R. 2787/S. 2724 (CJ's Home Protection Act; specific interest in provisions relating to liability protection for weather radios required to be placed in manufactured homes.)

Information Update Page - Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.

20. Client new address

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

21. Client new principal place of business (if different than line 20)

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

22. New General description of client's business or activities

LOBBYIST UPDATE

23. Name of each previously reported individual who is no longer expected to act as a lobbyist for the client

	First Name	Last Name	Suffix		First Name	Last Name	Suffix
1	Noushin	Jahanian	Ms.	3			
2				4			

ISSUE UPDATE

24. General lobbying issue that no longer pertains

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

25. Add the following affiliated organization(s)

Internet Address:

Name	Address				Principal Place of Business (city and state or country)
	Street Address				
	City	State/Province	Zip	Country	
					City
					State
					Country
					City
					State
					Country

26. Name of each previously reported organization that is no longer affiliated with the registrant or client

1	2	3
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FOREIGN ENTITIES

27. Add the following foreign entities

Name	Address			Principal place of business (city and state or country)	Amount of contribution for lobbying activities	Ownership percentage in client
	Street Address	State/Province	Country			
	City			City		
				State		
				Country		%

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity that no longer owns, or controls, or is affiliated with the registrant, client or affiliated organization

1	3	5
2	4	6

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